

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4 have also been amended to yet more clearly define the present invention. Claim 5 has been amended to make it consistent with claim 1. Claim 12 has been added.

The Examiner rejected Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Farmerie, U.S. Patent No. 5,212,887 (Farmerie). Claims 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Farmerie in view of Bednar, et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2001/0034941 (Bednar). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are patentable over the cited references.

Specifically, claim 1 recites that:

- (i) the secondary bearing element is formed as a single circular ring and has a wall cross-section in a longitudinal direction of the stroke bar that is one of circular, oval and polygon; and
- (ii) the receiving passage [of the housing] has a peripheral bearing groove on an inside periphery for receiving the secondary bearing element and having a length in the longitudinal direction of the

stroke bar that commensurates with a dimension of the secondary bearing element in the same direction.

Forming the secondary bearing element as a single circular ring provides for a relatively large pivotal movement of the guide part (5) relative to the housing, up to 5° (page 5, lines 18-20). At the same time, with the length of the bearing groove commensurating with the width (longitudinal dimension) of the secondary bearing element, a precise and impact-resistant mounting of the secondary bearing element is insured.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing novel features of the present invention are not disclosed or suggested in Farmerie.

Farmerie does not disclose forming the secondary bearing element as a single circular ring, nor does Farmerie disclose forming the peripheral bearing groove for receiving the secondary bearing element with a length in a longitudinal direction of the stroke bar that commensurates with the dimension of the secondary bearing element in the same direction. The advantages of the novel features of the present invention are discussed above.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Farmerie does not disclose a saw as claimed. Since Farmerie fails to disclose each and every feature

of independent Claim 1, Farmerie, as a matter of law, does not anticipate the present invention, as defined by said independent claim.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Farmerie does not anticipate or make obvious the present invention as defined in Claim 1, and the present invention is patentable over Farmerie.

Claims 2 and 4-12 depend on claim 1 and are likewise allowable for the same reasons claim 1 is allowable and further because of specific features recited therein which, when taken alone and/or in combination of with those of claim 1, are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art. Thus, claim 4 recites that the guide part (5) has a peripheral counter bearing groove (12) on an external periphery for receiving the secondary bearing element (8) with a length in the longitudinal direction of the stroke bar that substantially corresponds to the length of the peripheral bearing groove (11).

The foregoing novel feature of the present invention is not disclosed in the prior art, including Farmerie.

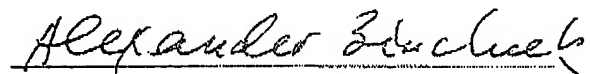
Claim 12 recites that the peripheral bearing groove (11) has a longitudinal contour that substantially corresponds to a longitudinal contour of the secondary bearing element (8). This feature is likewise not disclosed in Farmerie.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

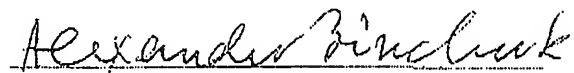


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